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6. Agreement for French Geological Survey Signed. The Saudi Minister of Petroleum has announced the signature on December 21, 1964, of an agreement with the French "Bureau des Recherches Geologiques et Minières" under which a team of 24 geologists will carry out detailed studies of the potential for exploitation of mineral resources in three specified areas. The agreement runs for two years and will cost the Saudi Government SR 16 million (\$3.5 million). Work is expected to begin in about three months' time. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Dr. Glen BROWN, head of the US Geological Survey team now in the Kingdom, has stated that work under the new agreement will not conflict with that of the American geologists. Rather, the French are expected to perform detailed investigations of commercial prospects for minerals in areas which have been located by USGS and others in the course of more general survey work. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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2. Saudi MODA Officials Briefed on Automotive Offer. A five-man team from the Department of the Army, accompanied by CHUSMTM, Brigadier General LEAHY, and USMTM staff members presented the US offer for the sale and maintenance of wheeled vehicles for the Saudi Arab Army to the Saudi G-4 and other Ministry of Defense and Aviation officials at a three-hour briefing December 17. The offer arises out of the US-conducted automotive survey of the Saudi Arab Army this summer. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Unfortunately, although they had been advised of the contents and importance of the presentation to be made, neither MODA Prince SULTAN bin Abd al-Aziz nor Saudi Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. MUTLAQ were able to attend the briefing. Following the presentation, which included a request that the Saudi Government present a statement of intent with respect to the purchase of these vehicles by January 1, 1965, the G-4 MODA expressed concern that the Saudis would be unable to meet that deadline and requested an extension of the time. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

2. International Affairs. Commentary on the Congo almost disappeared this week except for a column by Bashir al-AWF in an-Nadwa. In sharp contrast to the usually hostile anti-US-Belgian attitude previously taken by most of this paper's

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commentators (see Weeka No. 49), al-Awf quotes a Lebanese eyewitness of some of the atrocities committed by the rebels against other Congolese and states that "humanity has every right to place these creatures under a very strict quarantine so that humanity can be saved from their brutality." Al-Awf goes on to explain that because of these acts, it was "natural" for some African states supporting the rebels to fail in arousing the sentiments of other delegates to the UN in favor of GEBENYE and his followers "because their support is considered support of backwardness against humanity, savagery and vice against virtue and character."

An article critical of the Central Intelligence Agency (presumably a translation or else the one that appeared earlier this month in a Beirut paper) was carried in al-Madina. This carries the frequently-made allegation that CIA is a "state within a state" with 100,000 agents inside the US and another 300,000 abroad. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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